

cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. Williams

SAC, Atlanta

December 13, 1956

~~Director, FBI~~

PERSONAL ATTENTION

~~CITIZENS COUNCILS~~
~~INTERNAL SECURITY - X~~

Although reports have been submitted to the Department on all citizens councils concerning which we have conducted investigations and inquiries to date, the Department has indicated the activities of these organizations do not fall within the purview of Executive Order 10450. In view of this fact, there is no basis upon which to base justification for further inquiry. Therefore, you are instructed to immediately discontinue inquiries concerning all citizens councils upon receipt of this letter. It is your responsibility to also immediately notify auxiliary offices of the discontinuance of the investigation.

In order that the Bureau may continue to carry out its responsibilities of keeping interested Government agencies informed of information of interest to them, you must continue your efforts to keep abreast of developments in order that the Bureau may be apprised of any situation which indicates a potential for violence. In obtaining information, however, absolutely no inquiries are to be made by you. You must secure the desired information through close scrutiny of the public press plus whatever information may be volunteered to you.

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Letter to SAC, Atlanta
Re: CITIZENS COUNCILS

With respect to the use of confidential informants, I want it clearly understood that no informant is to be given any assignment in connection with obtaining information regarding the activities of citizens councils without prior Bureau authority. If you have a confidential informant already reporting on citizens councils matters you may continue to accept information volunteered by the informant but you must not give him any additional assignments in this field. If you feel it is necessary for some specific reason to continue an informant in a particular citizens council you must immediately advise the Bureau, together with the identity of the informant, his reliability and your assurance that continued operation of the informant will not result in any embarrassment to the Bureau.

Each office receiving copies of this letter must submit to the Bureau a monthly summary of information concerning the activities of citizens councils in your respective territories. The first such letter is to be submitted to reach the Bureau by January 15, 1957, and each succeeding letter must be submitted to reach the Bureau by the fifteenth of each month. This summary, which shall consist of an original and seven copies, must be submitted in memorandum form suitable for dissemination and forwarded to the Bureau by cover letter. These summary memoranda and your cover letter must bear the caption "Citizens Councils, (name of field office)". Each of these summary memoranda must also be dated.

As in the past, information received concerning citizens councils which requires expeditious handling must not be delayed for inclusion in the monthly summary but must be furnished to the Bureau promptly by whatever means of communication is required by the nature of the information.

Letter to SAC, Atlanta
Re: CITIZENS COUNCILS

This matter must receive your personal attention and it is your responsibility, insofar as is possible, to see to it that the Bureau will continue to be in a position to furnish pertinent information concerning potential violence to interested Government agencies.

With respect to the administrative handling of current cases, you should submit a closing report within 30 days from the date of this letter. This report should incorporate any information which has been obtained to date not previously reported. If there is very little information to be reported, you may at your discretion submit a closing letter. On the administrative page of the closing report or in the closing letter make reference to this letter in order that the administrative handling at the Seat of Government may be facilitated.

The fact that we are discontinuing our inquiries concerning citizens councils is not to be discussed or made known in any manner to anyone outside your own office. This includes your confidential informants.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-48117)

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (100-25147)

DATE: January 15, 1957

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
DETROIT DIVISION

Rebulet dated December 13, 1956, and report of
SA WILLIAM R. BILLING dated December 20, 1956, at Detroit.

Enclosed herewith are the original and seven copies
of the summary memo requested in referenced Bureau letter. The
source from which all the information set forth in enclosed memo
emanated is [redacted]

[redacted] in Detroit. She has requested her
identity be concealed.

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No other information has been received by Detroit
Office regarding Citizens Councils' activities since submission
of referenced report.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Detroit, Michigan
January 15, 1957

RE: CITIZENS COUNCILS
DETROIT DIVISION

A source, whose reliability is unknown but who is [redacted] work in Detroit, Michigan, area, stated on January 10, 1957, that he had learned on this date from [redacted] Attorney, [redacted] Detroit, that a Citizens Council has been formed in Detroit area. [redacted] told this source that information regarding the council can be obtained from Thomas E. Conroy, [redacted] Detroit. *MICH.*

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This source said he later talked with Thomas Conroy of the above address on January 10, 1957, and Conroy admitted that a Citizens Council had been formed in metropolitan Detroit. Conroy said this Citizens Council was strictly a political organization and did not believe in techniques used by the Southern Councils.

Conroy also told this source that the program of the Citizens Council in Detroit was to circulate petitions for repeal of Michigan "Civil Rights Laws," and to issue general statements urging that the individual rights of the white people be protected. Conroy also told this source that the Citizens Council in Detroit would hold a board meeting in a couple of weeks. He was, however, reluctant to identify the board members and other officers of the Citizens Council.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237 sub 15) DATE: February 14, 1957

FROM : SAC, Detroit (100-25147)SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
DETROIT DIVISION

ReBulets December 15, 1956, and January 30, 1957.

Enclosed herewith are the original and eight copies of a summary memo on activities of Citizens Councils in this area. An extra copy of the memo is being submitted to the Bureau for the Bureau's file on the Michigan Citizens Council (105-48111).

No additional information beyond that set forth in enclosed memo has been received during the past month.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Detroit, Michigan
February 14, 1957

Re: CITIZENS COUNCILS
DETROIT DIVISION

The February 12, 1957, issue of the "Flint Journal", a daily newspaper of general circulation in Flint, Michigan, carried an article on page 17 captioned "Segregationist Move Assailed", and subcaptioned "CIO Council Blasts Organization Here." The article states in part:

"The Flint CIO Council has condemned the organizing of a Flint chapter of the Michigan Citizens Council, which it terms the counterpart of White Citizens Councils in the South.

"Norman W. Bully, president of the CIO council, said his group has voted to ask local law enforcement agencies and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to investigate the Citizens Council movement, whose constitution opposes racial integration."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237 sub 15) DATE: March 14, 1957

FROM : SAC, Detroit (100-25147)

SUBJECT:

CITIZENS COUNCILS
DETROIT DIVISION

ReBulets December 15, 1956, and January 30, 1957,
and Detroit letter to Director February 14, 1957.

No information regarding the existence of and/or
activities of any Citizens Councils in this area has been received
since the submission of referenced Detroit letter.

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FLINT. —The Flint CIO council has condemned what looks like an attempt to start a White Citizens Council here. A public announcement that the WCC's were set to begin organizing here, brought the blast from the labor movement leaders.

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TO : Director, FBI (105-34237 sub 15) DATE: May 14, 1957

FROM : SAC, Detroit (100-25147)

SUBJECT:

CITIZENS COUNCILS
DETROIT DIVISION

ReBulet 1/30/57 and Detroit letter to Director 4/12/57.

No additional information regarding the existence of and/or activities of any Citizens Councils in this area has been received since the submission of referenced Detroit letter.

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TO : Director, FBI (105-34237 Sub 15) DATE: June 11, 1957

FROM : SAC, Detroit (100-25147)SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
DETROIT DIVISION

Remylet May 14, 1957.

A review of captioned organization's file in the Detroit Division fails to reflect receipt of any additional information concerning captioned group's possible activity in this division, since the submission of referenced Detroit letter.

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TO : Director, FBI (105-34237)

DATE: October 24, 1957

FROM : SAC, Detroit (100-25147)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
(DETROIT DIVISION)
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

ReBulet to SAC, Atlanta, dated October 9, 1957.

Synopsis:

Numerous discreet inquiries and pretext interviews failed to indicate current existence or activity of any WCC in Detroit area. Home owner improvement associations in Detroit reportedly thwarting efforts of Negroes to expand into white areas. Sources alerted to advise of formation or reactivation of WCC's. Officers and Directors of Michigan Citizens Council, Incorporated, at Detroit, July, 1956, to be considered for approach under this program.

A pretext interview was conducted with THOMAS E. CONROY, [redacted] Detroit, on October 23, 1957. CONROY is shown as President of the Michigan Citizens Council (MCC) in the Articles of Incorporation filed with the Michigan Corporation and Securities Commission on July 5, 1956. CONROY stated during above interview, in response to an inquiry by caller of desiring to join a Citizens Council, that there was currently no White Citizens Council (WCC) active in Detroit. He said that he and his friends are now working strictly in neighborhood improvement associations. He continued that he frankly felt the most effective way to impede Negroes moving into white neighborhoods was through these homeowner groups. He added that most city officials are either members of or sympathetic to the homeowner groups.

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On October 23, 1957, Mr. ARTHUR ^{Mich} JOHNSON, Secretary, Detroit Branch, National Association for Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was also contacted under the pretext that the caller was 1151

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gathering information for an article on the growth of WCC in the north. JOHNSON stated that approximately one year ago he closely followed efforts to establish such a group in Dearborn, Michigan. This effort failed miserably, according to JOHNSON, and today the big problem facing Negroes in Detroit is unlimited access to the housing market. Thwarting the Negroes are an increasing number of neighborhood improvement associations organized to keep the Negro out of white areas. JOHNSON said housing was the integration problem in Detroit.

[redacted] advised on October 23, 1957, that he had been in contact with RICHARD MARX, Secretary-Director, Committee on Community Relations, City of Detroit, on this date. Above Source said MARX has been investigating efforts of WCC's to establish branches in Detroit. MARX reportedly stated on above date that he doesn't know of any citizens councils in Detroit. He did add, however, that some hate literature is being distributed in Detroit from unidentified sources aimed at the National Association for Advancement of Colored People and the Urban League. It particularly seeks to have the Urban League removed from the United Fund Charities. [redacted] added that MARX has promised to keep him advised of his efforts to identify and expose any citizens councils established in Detroit. MARX was of the opinion there are no WCC's presently in existence in Detroit.

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[redacted] in Detroit, who has contacted the Detroit Office frequently in regard to racial matters and particularly efforts to form WCC's, advised on October 24, 1957, that to the best of her knowledge there was no WCC presently active in this area. She said it was her opinion, however, that WCC's may be working quietly and underground. She continued that such WCC's may be responsible for the action of homeowner improvement associations in this area, which are distributing literature urging the election of an all white slate in the pending city election.

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[redacted] were interviewed on October 22, 1957. Both [redacted] and [redacted] commented that they were receiving considerable information concerning efforts to

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establish a Citizens Council in the Detroit area in the summer and fall of 1956. However, they pointed out that nothing to indicate current activity of any Citizens Council has come to their attention.

[redacted] Detroit Police Department, also advised on October 22, 1957, that this Squad has not received any information pertaining to the existence of any WCC in Detroit since the MCC closed its Dearborn office in July, 1956.

[redacted] Dearborn, Michigan, advised confidentially on October 23, 1957, that he has not received any information indicating that any WCC presently exists in Dearborn. He said that the criticism against the MCC in the local press when the MCC attempted to open an office in Dearborn in June, 1956, apparently stifled the organization. [redacted] added that he would be aware if such an organization was now active in Dearborn.

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PROGRAM FOR COVERAGE

The Detroit Office has alerted all logical sources to immediately advise of the reactivation of inactive WCCs or formation of any such new councils. The inquiries mentioned above seem to indicate that current activity in the Detroit area is through homeowner or neighborhood improvement associations. Utmost caution will be exercised not to attempt coverage of these groups, unless, of course, there is an indication violence might erupt from their activities.

This Office is immediately conducting discreet background investigations of the officers and directors shown on the Articles of Incorporation of the MCC in July, 1956, to determine whether any of them may be suitable to recommend to the Bureau for contacting under this program.

Every Resident Agency in this Division is also being apprised of this program.

Inasmuch as there is no indication that any citizens councils now are active in this area, the prime emphasis will be placed on insuring that the Detroit Office has sufficient source coverage to be aware of the resumption or commencement of Citizens Councils activity.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237)

DATE: November 22, 1957

FROM : SAC, Detroit (100-25147)SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
(DETROIT DIVISION)
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

ReDElet to Director dated October 24, 1957.

The Detroit Office has received no information whatsoever since the submission of referenced letter to indicate the current existence of any active Citizens Councils in the Detroit area.

An inquiry with [redacted] Flint Police Department, Flint, Michigan, on November 18, 1957, and with [redacted] Flint Post of the Michigan State Police, on November 20, 1957, revealed that neither of the above officers have received any information indicating that any Citizens Councils are in existence and/or active in the Flint area.

MICH [redacted] Commission on Community Relations for the City of Detroit, located in the Water Building, Detroit, advised on November 22, 1957, that he knew of no Citizens Councils to be currently in existence in Detroit. [redacted] *MICH* in discussing the problem of racial relations in this area commented that there were approximately 95 neighborhood improvement associations alone registered with the Zoning Board of Appeals in Detroit. He said that there were probably many more similar organizations that were not registered. *V.*

According to [redacted] his organization is interested in such activities and to date their inquiries have not indicated that any of these organizations would tolerate violence, to attain their objectives. He said that primarily these organizations are interested in maintaining their property values through restricting sale of property to Negroes. However, he said all are not interested in this and some of these associations are actually working in mixed neighborhoods toward the betterment of relations between members of the Negro and white race.

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[redacted] added that he believed that the Commission on Community Relations would early learn of activities on the part of any Citizens Councils or similar group which would encourage violence. He concluded by stating that he would advise the Detroit Office if he received any information indicating the existence of any Citizens Councils in this area.

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PROGRAM FOR COVERAGE

[redacted] a current source of the Detroit Office, was interviewed on November 20, 1957. [redacted] is currently employed by the [redacted] Dearborn, Michigan.

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The Mayor of Dearborn, ~~ORVILLE HUBBARD~~, has been described in the local press frequently as a strong advocate of segregation and has been accused of denying Negroes residence in Dearborn.

[redacted] advised that he is [redacted] of the [redacted] He said the primary purposes of this organization are to safeguard property values (restrict Negroes), cope with normal community problems and explore means to improve the community. He estimated that approximately 4000 families are represented in this association. [redacted] added that he is also [redacted] from the association to the [redacted], which is composed of representatives from other neighborhood improvement associations, approximately eight in number, from Dearborn. It was the opinion of [redacted] that his association and other groups in the Dearborn Federation are against violence of any type. He said that he was aware that some groups or individuals in the area are distributing hate literature, some of which is critical of the Ford Motor Company for its assistance to the National Association for Advancement of Colored People. [redacted] commented that he and the company would be anxious to determine the source of this local distribution of said hate literature. This literature identifies its publishers as the National Citizens Protective Association in St. Louis, Missouri, or the "American Nationalists," Box 301 Inglewood, California.

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[redacted] advised that he would begin making inquiries through some of the sources in [redacted] to determine if any Citizens Councils are active or in existence in this area. He said that he would attempt to penetrate any such groups if they do exist in this area and he would furnish the Detroit Office with all the information in this regard that he can develop. [redacted] said that he appreciated the fact that any activity of this nature on his part would be kept in the strictest of confidence.

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Detroit Office is also conducting background investigations on some of the individuals who were carried in the Articles of Incorporation of the Michigan Citizens Council which was incorporated in Michigan in July, 1956. This latter organization has a post office box in Dearborn, Michigan, and in June of 1956, rented an office in downtown Dearborn with the avowed purpose of forming a Citizens Council for this area. However, the tremendous publicity that was immediately given to the organization by the Detroit daily newspapers seemed to have the effect of stopping the organization before it actually got underway. There has been no report that this Michigan Citizens Council has actually been active in the area.,

The Bureau will be kept advised of developments in this matter.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237)

DATE: December 23, 1957

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (100-25147)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS - DETROIT DIVISION
IS - XRe Detroit letters to Director October 24,
and November 22, 1957.

No information has been received by the Detroit Office since the submission of referenced letter dated November 22, 1957, indicating activity on the part of any White Citizens Councils or other organizations created for the purpose of fighting integration.

[redacted] source of information of the Detroit Office, advised on December 9, 1957, that he had attended a meeting of the Federation of Neighborhood Improvement Associations of Dearborn, Michigan, on [redacted].

[redacted] said that this federation meets on the first Thursday of each month and is composed of representatives of the various neighborhood improvement associations in Dearborn, Michigan.

[redacted] had previously been contacted and advised that he would make inquiries through some of his contacts in the Neighborhood Improvement Association and also in the federation to determine if any citizens councils are active in this area. [redacted] advised that he made some inquiries at the federation meeting on [redacted].

[redacted] but was not able to develop any information indicating any citizens council or similar organizations were in operation. He also stated that he would make an effort to attend a meeting of the Federation of Neighborhood Improvement Associations of Detroit as [redacted].

He felt that he might be able to obtain information through the Detroit Federation if any such organizations are in existence in Detroit.

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The Detroit Office has opened [redacted]
investigations on [redacted]
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As soon as complete background information has been obtained on these 2 persons, Bureau authority will be requested to initiate contact with them with a view toward their ultimate development as source of information or security informant.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237)

DATE: January 24, 1958

FROM : SAC, Detroit (100-25147)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS - DETROIT DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - XRe Bulets, October 9, 1957, and January 13, 1958,
and Detroit letter, December 23, 1957.

The Detroit Office has continued to keep in contact with sources, local police departments and security informants during the period since submission of referenced Detroit letter, and no information has been received to indicate there is any activity in Michigan by organized White Citizens Councils.

The information set forth in referenced Bureau letter of January 13, 1958, will be considered by this office in the development of sources to assure that the information pertaining to illegitimate activities of Citizens Councils will be available to the Bureau. Caution will be exercised to assure that individuals contacted under this program will be aware that the Bureau is not interested in the legitimate activities of these groups.

The Detroit Office has maintained contact with the Subversive Squad of the Michigan State Police in Detroit and with the Subversive Squad and officers of the Special Investigations Bureau of the Detroit Police Department. This contact is being maintained so that any information coming to the attention of officers assigned to these squads concerning Citizens Council activities in the Detroit Division will be made known to this office. The contact with the above local police units has been maintained primarily so that all racial situations arising in this area and which are logically handled by these police units are brought to the attention of the Bureau. Contact with these police units will be continued in the future, but only to the extent of ascertaining whether they have developed any information that would indicate Citizens Council activities in this area. There will be no efforts to develop sources or consider these police units as part of the coverage of Citizens Councils in this area.

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On January 8, 1958, [redacted]

[redacted] of B'nai B'rith, Detroit, was contacted at his request and he furnished certain information regarding the existence of Neighborhood Improvement Associations and other groups and individuals in the Detroit and surrounding areas, whom he believed were engaged in activities of an anti-Semitic and anti-Negro nature. [redacted] said that in the past two or three weeks a considerable amount of "hate literature" was being mailed into the Detroit area from various cities in the country, which bears a stamp on the envelope "Remember Little Rock." He also said that [redacted] had been reported to him as distributing literature both in the parking lot at the Briggs Plant of Chrysler Corporation, Detroit, and to Mich. employees in this plant. [redacted] said he was aware that PARRISH was one of the founders of the Michigan Citizens Council in the Spring of 1956 at Dearborn, Michigan. However, [redacted] said that he was not aware of any activity on the part of the Michigan Citizens Council and did not know whether PARRISH was distributing this "hate literature" for the Michigan Citizens Council or on his own initiative.

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[redacted] at the time of this contact also mentioned the activities of numerous Neighborhood Improvement Associations existing in the city of Detroit and said that he was receiving reports on their activities. He said that he had not received any indication that any of these groups were willing to resort to violence or that their activities had progressed beyond the stage of attempting to hinder the expansion of colored people into areas that have in the past been exclusively white. [redacted] said he would continue to contact the Detroit Office and keep this office advised of information he receives regarding Citizens Council activities.

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[redacted] Source of Information of the Detroit Office, advised on January 9, 1958, that he attended the monthly meeting of the Dearborn Federation of Neighborhood Improvement Associations on [redacted], and has also

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attended meetings [redacted] Neighborhood Association. [redacted] said that these meetings to date have not included discussions of racial integration problems and his inquiries among the leaders of the various Neighborhood Improvement Associations at the Federation meetings have failed to disclose that any Citizens Councils are in existence at the present time in this area.

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The Detroit Office by letter dated January 15, 1958, has requested authority from the Bureau to interview Mr. THOMAS E. CONROY, who was one of the individuals appearing as an officer on the Articles of Incorporation filed by the Michigan Citizens Council in July, 1956. The Detroit Office will also submit a letter in the immediate future requesting Bureau authority to contact another officer that appeared in the Articles of Incorporation of the latter organization.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237 Sub 15) DATE: February 24, 1958

FROM : SAC, Detroit (100-25147)SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS - DETROIT DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - XReBULEts October 9, 1957, and January 13, 1958,
and Detroit letter January 24, 1958.There has been no information developed since the
submission of referenced Detroit letter to indicate that any
Citizens Councils are currently active in Michigan.During the past thirty days [redacted] was
interviewed. [redacted] was [redacted][redacted] was cooperative with the interviewing
Agents and stated that he knew of only one actual affair of the
MCC. He said that it was his opinion that publicity in the
local press caused the MCC to go out of existence.[redacted] also advised that it was his impression that
a new organization headed by [redacted] Detroit Attorney,
called the National Civic Association was filling the gap that
the MCC was created to fulfill. He described this function as
organizing the various neighborhood improvement associations
under one head, and through this organization, wielding effective
political power. He commented that the Negroes, through
organizations such as the Urban League and the NAACP, are able
to exercise influence in behalf of individual Negroes to an
atrocious degree. The realization by [redacted] and others in his
union that the influence of Negroes was increasing to such a
vast extent was, according to [redacted] the reason for the birth
of the MCC. He claimed however, that neither he, nor any others
in the MCC that he was acquainted with, would tolerate violence
or interfere in any way with the Federal Courts and their orders.
Rather the purpose was organize to protect their civil rights.
It is anticipated that further contacts will be had with [redacted]
and a request is being made in a separate communication to consider
[redacted] as a source in these matters.② - Bureau (REGISTERED)
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[redacted] Source of the Detroit Office, advised on February 21, 1958 that he continues to be active in [redacted] in Dearborn, Michigan, and has been [redacted] of the association this year. [redacted] said that he has also attended all meetings recently of the Dearborn Federation of Neighborhood Improvement Associations. He said that the Negro question has never been discussed on the floor at these meetings and it appears there are no current racial problems. [redacted] continued that he has not heard of the National Civic Association or [redacted] and does not believe that any neighborhood improvement associations in Dearborn have been contacted and requested to affiliate with the National Civic Association. He said that he will continue to stay active in this field and will keep the Detroit Office advised of developments.

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The Detroit Office has also maintained contact with the Michigan State Police and local police departments and requested to be kept informed of any racial disturbances.

Based on the information furnished by [redacted] it appears that the MCC is no longer in existence. The Detroit Office was conducting background investigation on [redacted] who was also [redacted]. However, during the course of the interview with [redacted] he stated that he had known [redacted] for ten years as a friend but he described [redacted] as a "notorious liar" and also one who could not "keep his mouth shut". In view of the above, no further investigation is anticipated on [redacted] with a view toward his development as a Source.

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The Detroit Office will be alert to activities of the National Civic Association and of [redacted]

The Bureau will be advised if any information is received indicating the National Civic Association is an anti-integration organization.

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SAC, Detroit (100-25147)

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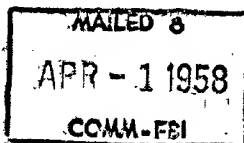
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INTERNAL SECURITY - X**

Reurlet dated March 25, 1958, captioned as above, and New York let same date captioned "White Citizens Council of Detroit, aka., States Rights Council, Miscellaneous-Information Concerning," a copy of which was furnished you.

In re New York letter information was set forth showing that the White Citizens Council of Detroit has recently filed papers of incorporation to change its name to the States' Rights Council. In re Detroit letter information concerning the States' Rights Council shows it is a new organization and was described as a "political organization."

The Detroit Office is instructed to advise whether or not this is a new group or whether it is a change of name. No investigation should be conducted in either event.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237 Sub 15) DATE: March 25, 1958

FROM: SAC, Detroit (100-25147)

SUBJECT:

CITIZENS COUNCILS - DETROIT DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

ReDElet, February 24, 1958.

In the past month, a new organization has been incorporated in Michigan named the States' Rights Council, Incorporated. The Articles of Incorporation, filed with the Michigan Securities and Exchange Commission on February 27, 1958, states the organization's purpose as "To act solely and exclusively as a political organization; to promote and develop better schools, communities, municipalities and counties in this State; to uphold the sovereignties of the States of the Union and to defend the principles of free enterprise; to oppose un-American philosophies such as the doctrines that are peculiar to the Communist Party; to promote candidates and laws; to encourage the public as to the advantages to both Negroes and Whites as to the voluntary separation of these races in schools, transportation, parks, recreation centers; to receive donations and to own such real and personal property as may be incidental to the operation of said corporation; to organize subpolitical units for the purpose of effectuating the policies of this political organization".

The incorporators of the States' Rights Council, Incorporated, are shown on the Articles as:

H. PA. UNDERWOOD, 18657 Alcoy, Detroit.
L. B. PARRISH, 1527 25th Street, Detroit
MARSHALL LOWERY, 14431 Sussex, Detroit
WILLIAM H. REEGLE, 15271 Linnhurst, Detroit.

The Articles of Incorporation for the latter organization clearly state its pro-segregation character. Further, L. B. PARRISH, one of the incorporators, was a founder of the Michigan Citizens Council in 1956. He was also reported by [redacted] Confidential Source of

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the Charlotte Office, on November 26, 1957, as a delegate, but not able to attend a convention held in Knoxville, Tennessee, on November 10, 1957. This convention in Knoxville was concerned with the formation of a new political party reported to be known as the United White Party.

On March 24, 1958, Mr. [redacted] Source of Information, Detroit Division, was interviewed in regard to activities in this area. [redacted] said that he had heard that PARRISH had been instrumental in the organization of a new anti-integration group, but knew of no activities of the group to date. [redacted] did state that the National Civic Association (NCA) is reportedly making headway in its aim of organizing the neighborhood improvement associations in this area. He said that the NCA is not a Citizens Council type organization, but rather one interested in acquiring political power through organization.

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Mr. [redacted] Source of Information, Detroit Division, advised on March 24, 1958, that he [redacted] in Dearborn, Michigan. He said that [redacted] would receive correspondence mailed to the association. [redacted] stated that he has been active in the association for the past year, but has not heard any mention of the NCA or efforts to organize all associations in the area. He added that he will continue to be alert in the field and advise the Detroit Office of any information received.

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The Detroit Office will continue to maintain contact with the Michigan State Police and local law enforcement agencies to be certain that any racial disturbances or situations which may develop into a racial disturbance are known to this office.

The Detroit Office will follow the activities of the States' Rights Council, Incorporated, since this organization has an anti-integration character and in view of the past activities on the part of L. B. PARRISH.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/25/58

FROM : *EMP* SAC, NEW YORK [redacted] b7DSUBJECT: WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL OF DETROIT, aka.,
States Rights Council
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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, indicated on 3/17/58, to SA [redacted] that he received the following information from a source whom he termed reliable, but whose identity he did not wish to disclose. This information is located in NY file [redacted]

He stated that the White Citizens Council of Detroit has recently filed papers of incorporation to change its name to the States Rights Council. He said the present address of this group is 4464 Cass Avenue, Detroit, and the names of the incorporators are MARSHALL LOWERY, H. B. UNDERWOOD, L. B. PARRISH, WILLIAM H. BEEGLE, and FRANCIS YOUNG. This source stated that he recalls UNDERWOOD and PARRISH had been associated with the Ku Klux Klan in the past and that YOUNG is a lawyer who filed the papers for the incorporation and is also believed to be an old-time Ku Klux Klaner.

This source added that he believes the reason this group is changing its name is that it was unable to obtain a charter from the White Citizens Council in Mississippi and they felt it unwise to associate themselves with the Seaboard White Citizens Council of Washington because JOHN KASPER is now serving a prison term.

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CITIZENS COUNCILS
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Reurlet dated April 25, 1958.

Information set forth in relet indicates the States Rights Council is a newly formed political organization, therefore, no investigation or inquiries should be conducted concerning it and no attempts should be made to develop sources in this organization.

Of course, any pertinent information regarding its activities which appears in the press or is volunteered to your office should be furnished the Bureau.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237 Sub 15)

DATE: April 25, 1958

FROM : SAC, Detroit (100-25147)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS - DETROIT DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

ReBulet, 4/1/58, and Delet, 3/25/58.

Referenced Bulet requested advice as to whether or not the States Rights Council is a new organization or a new name for the White Citizens Council of Detroit.

On April 24, 1958, [redacted] CS of the Detroit Office, was contacted. [redacted] said that through contacts by him at [redacted] Detroit, he has learned that the States Rights Council (SRC) has been active and plans to run candidates for public office. He said that this organization, according to all information he has received, is a political organization rather than a citizens council.

[redacted] added that one of the leading figures in the SRC is [redacted] described [redacted] as a reputable person and one given respect at [redacted]. He discounted the influence of L. B. PARRISH in the SRC stating that PARRISH would undoubtedly attempt to assume a position in the SRC but would not be successful. [redacted] stated that he could not say for certain but he did not believe that the SRC was an outgrowth of any other organization.

The Detroit Office will be alert for any information received from established sources or newspapers regarding the SRC, particularly indicating its origin. However, no investigation of the SRC will be conducted at this time.

[redacted] also advised during the above contact that the National Civic Association (NCA) is reportedly progressing in its efforts to organize the leaders of the numerous neighborhood improvement associations in the Detroit area. The leader of the NCA is [redacted], Detroit Attorney, who according to [redacted] is a financially secure person. He said that [redacted] is not engaged in this activity for personal gain, but has no doubt spent a considerable sum of his own funds in this endeavor.

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Mr. [redacted] Source of the Detroit Office, advised on April 22, 1958, that as yet he has had no contact with the NCA or any of its representatives. [redacted] said that [redacted] in his neighborhood in Dearborn, Michigan, and expects to become [redacted]

[redacted] next year. He mentioned that he was interested in such activities and will be alert to any efforts to align suburban neighborhood improvement associations with the NCA. [redacted] also stated on this date that he has not received any information concerning Citizen Councils in this area.

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Mr. [redacted] Commission on Community Relations, City of Detroit, during a contact with a Special Agent of the Detroit Office on April 24, 1958, stated that the above organization has not received any information recently of Citizen Council activity in the Detroit area.

This Office has continued to maintain contact with the Michigan State Police and local police departments and no information has been received regarding Citizen Council activity.

The Bureau will be kept advised of any developments in this field.

Director, FBI

March 31, 1958

SAC, Detroit (100-26734)

STATES RIGHTS COUNCIL, INC. CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

The Detroit Office received information on March 7, 1958 from [redacted] that a new organization named the States Rights Council, Inc. (SRC) had filed articles of incorporation with the Securities and Exchange Commission, State of Michigan. The date of this incorporation was February 27, 1958. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] made available a copy of these articles of incorporation. The following is the information shown thereon:

Article I is the name of the corporation, States' Rights Council, Incorporated.

Article II states that the purpose for which the corporation is formed was "To act solely and exclusively as a political organization; to promote and develop better schools, communities, municipalities and counties in this State; to uphold the sovereignties of the States of the Union and to defend the principles of free enterprise; to oppose un-American philosophies such as the doctrines that are peculiar to the Communist Party; to promote candidates and laws; to encourage the public as to the advantages to both Negroes and Whites as to the voluntary separation of these races in schools, transportation, parks, recreation centers; to receive donations and to own such real and personal property as may be incidental to the operation of said corporation; to organize subpolitical units for the purpose of effectuating the policies of this political organization."

Article III states that the location of the first registered office is 4464 Cass Avenue, Detroit.

Article IV states that the name of the first Resident Agent is MARSHALL LOWERY.

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Article V states that the organization is a non-stock group and that there will be fifteen Class A members with voting rights. There was no real property listed and the personal property, such as office equipment, was listed as a total valuation of \$200.00. The corporation is to be financed, according to Article V, from dues of Class A members and dues from Class B members. It states that Class B members have no power to vote until they have been admitted as a Class A member.

Article VI lists the incorporators as H.P. UNDERWOOD, 18657 Alcoa, Detroit 5, Michigan; L.B. PARRISH, 1527 25th Street, Detroit; MARSHALL LOWERY, 14431 Sussex, Detroit; and WILLIAM H. BEEGLE, 15271 Linnhurst, Detroit.

Article VII lists the names and addresses of the Board of Directors which are identical with the four individuals listed under Article VI above.

The indices of the Detroit Office contain no information that can be identified with H.P. UNDERWOOD, MARSHALL LOWERY, or WILLIAM H. BEEGLE.

For the information of the Bureau, L.B. PARRISH was reported by [redacted] Confidential Source of the Charlotte Office, on November 26, 1957, as a delegate to a convention (although he did not attend), in Knoxville, Tennessee, on November 10, 1957, held for the purpose of forming a new political party reportedly known as the United White Party. According to Washington Field 1026-S* on December 11, 1957, PARRISH contributed \$50 to the White Citizens Council of DC, or to the John Kasper Defense Fund.

In view of the above, this office will follow the activities of the ShC and will keep the Bureau advised of developments.

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TO : Director, FBI (105-34237 Sub 15)

DATE: May 26, 1958

FROM : SAC, Detroit (100-25147)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS - DETROIT DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Re Detroit letter to Director, April 25, 1958.

No information has been received since the submission of referenced Detroit letter to indicate any activity in the Detroit area by any Citizens Councils.

Office: [redacted] Confidential Source of the Detroit Source of Information; and [redacted] Commission on Community Relations, Detroit, have all been contacted and have advised that they know of no activity by any Citizens Councils in the Detroit area.

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The Detroit Office will continue to be alert for any Citizens Council activity in this area and will maintain liaison with local police departments and the Michigan State Police.

The Bureau will be kept advised of any developments.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-34237-Sub 15) DATE: June 16, 1958

FROM : SAC, Detroit (100-25147)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS - DETROIT DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

ReBulet, 10/9/57, and Delet to Director, 4/25/58.

Per instructions in reBulet, this letter will set forth the identity of individuals developed and utilized by the Detroit Division in investigation of Citizens Councils.

There are no known white citizens councils existing at this time in Michigan. A Michigan Citizens Council, a pro-segregation organization, was incorporated in Michigan in July, 1956. This organization had only a brief existence.

Another organization known as the National Civic Association, which has a pro-segregation character, was formed in Detroit within the past year. This organization, however, has for its purpose the co-ordination and bringing together of the leadership of the various neighborhood improvement associations in the Detroit area. The State's Rights Council was incorporated in Michigan on February 27, 1958. The leader of the latter organization was one H. P. UNDERWOOD, who was reported to be in contact with Klu Klux Klan leaders in Georgia in April, 1958. However, in regard to the State's Rights Council a person who attended a meeting of this group on April 28, 1958, at 4464 Cass Avenue, Detroit, later furnished the Detroit Office with the details. The meeting was opened to the public and approximately 30 persons were in attendance and H. P. UNDERWOOD presided. The discussion led by UNDERWOOD dwelt on the necessity for segregation of races and also discussed the entering of candidates in local elections. White Citizens Council literature was also distributed at the meeting. However, inasmuch as the State's Rights Council is evidently a political organization, no investigation will be conducted of this group.

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The sources developed by the Detroit Office for coverage of any citizens councils that may organize in this area include Mr. [redacted] who was [redacted] of the [redacted] has contact with UNDERWOOD and others active with UNDERWOOD through [redacted] in Detroit.

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Another source in this field is Mr. [redacted] improvement association in suburban Dearborn, Michigan, and is now [redacted]. He also attends meetings of a federation composed of the officers of several neighborhood associations but to date has not been able to learn of any actual citizens council active in the area.

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Mr. [redacted] of the Commission on Community Relations, Detroit, a municipal body working to eliminate segregation, has been in contact with the Detroit Office. [redacted] and other [redacted] with this commission have been actively investigating groups alleged to be interfering with the integration of the races. [redacted] has stated that he has no information, however, to indicate the existence of any citizens council in Detroit.

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Regular liaison is also maintained with local and state law enforcement agencies which are interested in these matters.

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Reurlet 12/12/58.

It is not desired that active investigation be conducted concerning citizens' councils in the absence of some clear indication that the group has a potential for violence. If your office has any information indicating that this organization advocates, condones or incites violence, the Bureau should be advised in full detail. Otherwise, no active investigation should be conducted and no attempts should be made to develop PSI [REDACTED]

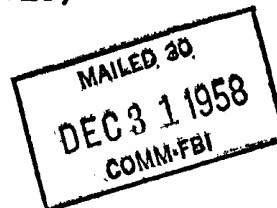
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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: December 12, 1958

FROM: *Y. J. WRB*

SAC, Detroit (100-26734)

SUBJECT:

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The following information is being set forth for the Bureau's assistance and authority is being requested to contact the captioned individual under the Bureau's program of coverage of pro-segregation organizations where violence may be advocated by either the organization or individuals participating within the organization:

1. Full Name of Individual

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2. Residence Address

Detroit, Michigan.

3. Occupation and Business Address
 Detroit, Michigan. Employed from October 28, 1953, to present.
A. Additional Background and Description

Birth

Male

Sex

White

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5' 11"

Weight

215 lbs.

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Kosciusko, Mississippi

Marital Status

Married, [redacted]
New York; wife - [redacted]
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Children

Former Residences

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Credit check

On October 22, 1958, [redacted]
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Association. Detroit, advised IC [redacted] that the credit files of this agency show [redacted] and his wife, [redacted] on record since 1953. The credit files show inquires by nine separate companies since 1953. No derogatory information was shown in these files.

Police check

On October 21, 1958, [redacted]
[redacted]

County Sheriff's Office, Detroit, advised SE [redacted] that a name check of files of latter office contained no record for [redacted]. The records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, Police Department, Detroit, were checked by Clerk [redacted] on October 22, 1958, and no record for [redacted] located.

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The records of the FBI Identification Division were checked on November 3, 1958, and the following record under number [redacted] was located on the basis of a name check on [redacted]

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Military record

On November 24, 1958, IC [redacted] reviewed the Navy service record on file at the Department of Defense, Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, for [redacted] which reflected that he enlisted in the U.S. Navy on [redacted] and entered on active duty on the same date at [redacted]. He was discharged under honorable conditions on [redacted] as a [redacted] by reason of [redacted]

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Inasmuch as [redacted] had not completed Basic Training, there was no record of absence without official leave; court-martial and/or character and efficiency ratings.

He had no foreign service and was not awarded any medals, citations or decorations.

There was no record of nervous or mental disorder.

4. Current Membership in States Rights Council

[redacted] has advised Agents of the Detroit Division that he [redacted] the States Rights Council in Detroit. He also stated that [redacted] the States Rights Council in his Detroit residence.

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5. Statement Regarding [redacted] Trustworthiness

Mr. [redacted] (former Special Agent), [redacted] Detroit, advised on October 29, 1958, that he had contacted Colonel [redacted] regarding [redacted] Colonel [redacted] told [redacted] that [redacted] is considered an extremely loyal and trustworthy employee. He also told [redacted] that [redacted] has been used by the corporation on special investigations and is a valuable employee. He knew of nothing derogatory concerning [redacted]

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Mr. [redacted] Detroit [redacted] [redacted] advised SA [redacted] on October 17, 1958, that he had known [redacted] since he joined the church in Detroit in 1955. He said that [redacted] has not been very active in the church but does attend services intermittently. Mr. [redacted] said that so far as he knew [redacted] was a reliable individual of good character and morals as was his wife. Mr. [redacted] continued that he believed the [redacted] home was harmonious and there were no marital problems or other difficulties that he was familiar with.

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[redacted] has not furnished any information to the Detroit Office in the past on which an accurate determination could be made as to his reliability.

6. Indices Check

The indices of the Detroit Office have been reviewed and no information identifiable with [redacted] was located.

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The indices of the Buffalo and Memphis Offices were also checked and were negative concerning [redacted] and his family.

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7. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Bureau authorize Detroit to initiate contacts with [] to attempt his development as an Informant within the States Rights Council and also to attempt to direct his activities so that he would be in contact with individuals in this area who might logically advocate violence in racial matters. The Bureau will be kept advised of developments.

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Reurlet dated June 16, 1958, captioned as
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"Citizens Councils - Detroit Division, Internal
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The Bureau does not desire that any inquiries
or investigation be conducted concerning a citizens
council-type organization or a bona fide political
party without prior Bureau authority. However,
information set forth in relets and information
previously submitted by the Atlanta Office concerning
H. P. Underwood indicates that Underwood may be
utilizing the State's Rights Council in Michigan
as a front for Klan activities.

Sources and informants in a position to
furnish information concerning this organization should
be alerted to this possibility and any such information
received should be promptly furnished the Bureau.

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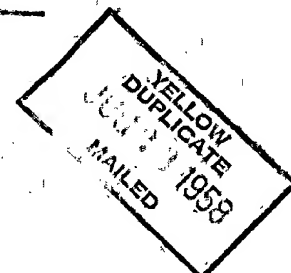
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237)

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (105-8360) (C)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: December 4, 1962

Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta, dated 11/20/62.

A review of the Detroit office files, public source material, established sources, reference libraries of the local news, and other pertinent police departments, was conducted at Detroit in an attempt to determine the extent of activity of the Citizens Councils in Michigan.

Information reviewed and sources contacted were all negative.

[redacted] a source of information on racial matters for the Detroit office, has advised that during the spring of 1956, a Michigan Citizens Council was formed and that he was an officer and one of the founders of this organization. It was to be a purely political organization covering a portion of the cities of Detroit and Dearborn, Michigan. He advised that to the best of his knowledge, only one meeting was held and it was held at Detroit, during 1956. Due to unfavorable publicity, the persons involved in this organization lost interest and it ceased activity. [redacted] has advised that there has been no subsequent activity of this group or attempt to organize a similar type organization.

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It is the conclusion of the Detroit office that there are no Citizens Councils operating in the territory covered by the Detroit office. In the event any such organizations are formed or become active, the Bureau will be promptly advised. The Detroit office is continuing to keep in close touch with activities which might arise out of racial matters.

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